

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 19, 22-25, and 27-29 are allowed.

Claims 19, 22-25, and 27-29 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18 presently stand rejected. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ovadia (US 2003/0198471) in view of Westberg (US 2003/0198226) and further in view of Lee et al. (US 2004/0165537).

All rejected claims have been cancelled and therefore their rejections are now moot. All remaining pending claims have been allowed by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the applicable rejections have been overcome and all claims remaining in the application are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at (206) 292-8600 if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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